

The Berkeley Institute "Weekly Times"

Week of November 18th, 2024

Our Mission Statement

"The mission of The Berkeley Institute, a diverse senior school with a rich heritage and tradition of excellence, is to ensure a stimulating learning environment that prepares all of its students to lead full and purposeful lives and to assume leadership roles in both the local and global communities."

Revised April 2019

Les Ferdinand Visits The Berkeley Institute



Principal's Corner:

Good morning Berkeley Family,

Welcome to a new week, and I wish everyone a productive and positive Monday!

We will facilitate our monthly ITL and Year Head Meetings this afternoon at 3:45 p.m.

Quarter 1 grades were finalized last Wednesday for students and are now stored. We celebrate our students who worked diligently all quarter long to ensure their success. We further celebrate the efforts of our teachers and staff who assisted students and ensured the Quarter 1 grading period was successful. We look forward to celebrating our students' hard work and achievements during the upcoming Honour Roll Assemblies—more details to follow soon.

Congratulations to the PTSA for organizing an outstanding Bingo fundraiser last Friday evening. It was a fantastic event with great prizes and an even greater purpose: raising scholarship funds for our soon-to-be graduates in the Class of 2025. Special thanks to our facilities and security teams for their support in making the evening a success. We are looking forward to the next PTSA Bingo fundraiser.

This Thursday, we will host our Annual Prize Giving Ceremony. Participating students have received their invitations. Please note that school will be dismissed at 1:09 p.m. to allow for the event's 4:00 p.m. start. For further details, refer to the communication from Deputy Douglas sent last week.

Please also Save the Dates:

Parent-Teacher Conferences: S1 & S4- Tuesday and S2 & S3- Wednesday, November 26th & 27th (2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Winter Uniform (blazers required): Monday, December 2nd

Let's have a great week ahead as we continue to honour excellence and celebrate our many achievements as a school.

Thank you, as always, for your dedication, commitment and support.

Sir Les Ferdinand Inspires Berkeley's Panthers



Sir Les Ferdinand

On Tuesday, November 12th 2024, Sir Les Ferdinand visited The Berkeley Institute to inform our student/athletes about his life as a Premier League player, coach, manager, and pundit. Sir Les was a striker who is the eleventh-highest scorer in the history of the Premier League, with 149 goals and 49 assists in the division. His playing career included notable spells in the Premier League with Queens Park Rangers, Newcastle United, Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham United, Leicester City and Bolton Wanderers. Sir Les also played in Turkey with Beşiktaş and in the Football League with Brentford, Reading and Watford. Before becoming a professional player, Sir Les played non-league football with both Southall and Hayes. He earned 17 caps for England scoring 5 goals during his international career. Ferdinand was a squad member of the England team for Euro 96 and World Cup 98. Sir Les retired from playing professional football a few months before his 40th birthday in 2006. Ferdinand re-joined Tottenham Hotspur as strikers coach in 2008, remaining with Spurs until 2014. He then returned to QPR, first as head of football operations and subsequently as director of football. In 2015, he was named as caretaker manager for a short period. Sir Les has worked as a television pundit. Ferdinand shared with our student/athletes the importance of being the best version of themselves. He shared how to deal with nervousness, as a young player, by focusing on the enjoyment of the game. Sir Les noted that taking the advice of coaches was extremely important to developing the basics as a young football player. Sir Les noted that young players today do not problem solve amongst themselves in the dressing room like players of yesterday. He continued that too much dependence is put on managers to solve on field tactical issues for today's players. Lastly, Ferdinand discussed player's pensions and the importance of setting up a life for one's self outside of football.



The Berkeley Institute

Hours of Operation

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

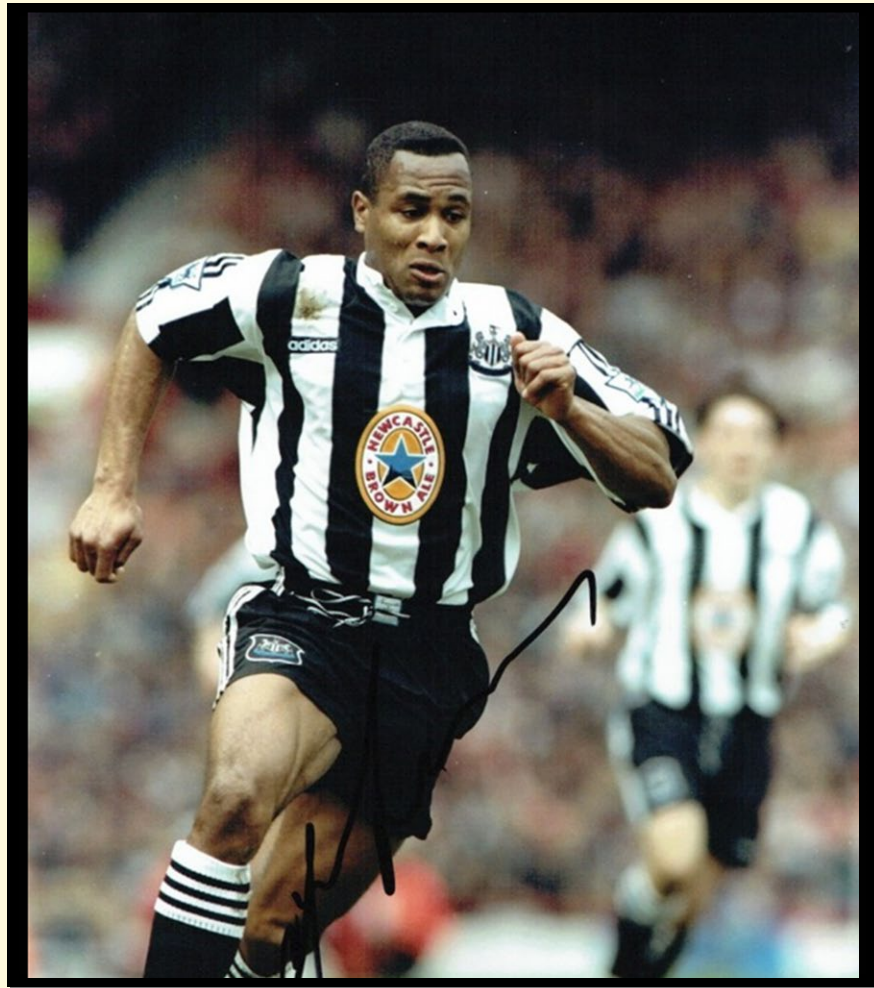
Student Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Athletics: Sir Les Ferdinand Visit



The Week at a Glance

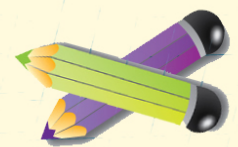
- ❖ Monday, November 18th 2024
 - ITL Meeting @ 3:45 p.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, November 19th 2024
 - Berkeley Board of Governors Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Thursday, November 21st 2024
 - Annual Prize Giving Ceremony
- ❖ Friday, November 22nd 2024
 - School Grub Day
- ❖ Tuesday, November 26th 2024
 - S1 & S4 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Wednesday, November 27th 2024
 - S2 & S3 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Berkeley Pictures of the Week



From left to right:

1. S4 student/athlete, Jayden Symons, thanks Sir Les Ferdinand for sharing his journey as a professional.
2. On behalf of the entire Berkeley family, I wish to sincerely thank Mr. Boyles and Coach Dennis Brown for working together to facilitate the visit of Sir Les Ferdinand.
3. Sir Les Ferdinand with Mr. Boyles, Coach Brown, and Jayden.



Quincy Paynter
Deputy Principal
Editor

Respite Finem! Keep the End In View!